

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

The usual returns have been collected and tabulated re Government Employees as at 30th June 1939, and the Salaries and Wages paid for the year 1938-39. (Figures in parentheses are for the previous year).

Total Employees - 23,500 (22,422) increase 1,078. These are the number of employees on the payroll as at June 30th. Of this number 22,284 (21,195) were then working Full time, and 1,216 (1,227) were part time employees.

Of the total employees, 19,366 (18,464) were male and 4,134 (3,978) female.

Comparative Grand Totals are 1927 - 26,105; 1931 - 17,536; 1935 - 19,273; 1937 - 21,413; 1938 - 22,422; 1939 - 23,500.

The principal increases were in the following Departments - Harbors, Hospitals, Police, Education, Highways, Forestry, Architect-in-Chief, Agriculture, Taxation and Motor Vehicles, with decreases in Lands, Engineering, Railways and Farmers' Assistance Board.

Permanent Employees totalled 16,616 (16,734) and Temporary Employees 6,429 (5,688).

Approximately 4,700 employees were paid wholly or partly from Loans or Other Sources.

Expenditure on Salaries and Wages for the year.

The foregoing number of employees and the expenditure shown hereunder are not wholly related. The expenditure covers the whole year and the number of employees those on record at 30th June. 1938-39 £5,278,664 (£5,031,351) increase £247,293 - From Revenue £4,212,745 (£4,112,951); From Loans £432,691 (£459,259); Other Sources (Deposit and Suspense Accounts, &c) £633,228 (£459,141). Expenditure over a series of years - 1926-27 £6,740,216; 1931-32 £3,714,422; 1935-36 £4,210,091; 1936-37 £4,575,266; 1937-38 £5,031,351; 1938-39 £5,278,664.

EMPLOYEES IN COMMONWEALTH SERVICES IN STATE.

Number on record as at June 30th, 1939 - 6,683 (6,464) increase 219. Of this number 5,666 (5,391) were working full time and 1,017 (1,073) were part time employees. Males were 5,576 (5,384) and females 1,107 (1,080). These include all Commonwealth Activities - the Commonwealth Bank, Australian Broadcasting Commission, Council of Scientific Research and Department of Commerce.

Expenditure for the year 1938-39 £1,543,250 (£1,505,293), increase £37,957.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Employees numbered 4,215 (3,256), males being 4,094 (3,149) and females 121 (107); Salaries and Wages £636,790 (£595,121).

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